

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Mr. Baker spent yesterday in Halifax.

Mr. J. S. Coleman left yesterday for Halifax.

Mr. Dudley Bryant spent Thursday in Halifax.

Mr. W. B. Strickland, Jr., left for Halifax yesterday on business.

Mr. W. L. Harrell left yesterday for Norfolk on business.

Mr. Sam Burgess left for Halifax yesterday on business.

Mr. Charlie Price was in Halifax Thursday attending court.

Mr. John Adkins went to Halifax yesterday to attend court.

Mr. Percy Johnson left on the morning train Thursday for Halifax.

Mr. Ed Allsbrook left for Richmond to see his wife who is in a hospital there.

Mr. R. L. Hardy was held over in Halifax Wednesday night as witness in a case pending.

Mrs. Arthur Newsum and children left for Enfield Thursday, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. N. L. Steadman, of Halifax was a visitor in town Wednesday, leaving for home on the night train.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. C. Josey returned Wednesday from Richmond, where they had been visiting friends for a few days.

Mrs. Ruffin of Farmville, arrived on Wednesday night train to visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Gray, for a few days.

The work at the retaining station of the new waterworks plant is progressing nicely and with good weather great headway will be made in the next week or two.

Miss Reba Shields, who has been in the Richmond hospital for the past two weeks, is reported to be progressing well, and is expected to return home next week if no complications arise.

There appears to be a good grade of sand out on Mr. J. B. Hall's farm that could be used in making substantial sand clay roads. This has been the one ingredient needs in this section.

Mr. R. A. Phillips and his bride are due to arrive tonight from their honeymoon. They will shortly be at home, at the residence of Mr. N. B. Josey, to their many friends.

The meetings at the Pentecost Holiness Church, East Scotland Neck, have been continuing during the week and will be held until Sunday. The services commence at eight o'clock and all are invited to attend. Rev. Jesse James, of Falcon, is here conducting these services.

Messrs Luther Purrington and Dewey Rozeman left this morning for Tarboro to take part in a triangular debate authorized by the Superintendent of Education, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, they being the visitors, taking the negative side of the question "Should the Federal Government Own and Operate all Railroads."

Friends of Mr. Stephen O. Purvis will be glad to know that he is progressing nicely. An operation was performed on him on Wednesday evening, and word came that it was but an abscess, and not dangerous. Yesterday a telegram states that he rested well and was much better.

McLeon Wright, of Enfield, arrived here yesterday morning to attend the funeral of his sister, Miss Bessie Wright.

CLARKSVILLE LITERARY SOCIETY

Miss Jennie Leggett was hostess to the Clarksville Literary Society Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. W. E. Smith read a fine paper, "The Life of O. Henry"; a short story by O. Henry was read by Mrs. Stuart Smith, both being much enjoyed. The hostess served sandwiches and tea with marguerites.

Those present were: Mesdames W. C. Albertson, Stuart Smith, E. W. Smith, A. L. Purrington, N. E. Winslow, Haywood Hyman, C. H. Herring, and R. D. Jenkins. Misses Ethel Thomas Lois Thompson and Nannie Shields.

NEW ENGINEER ARRIVED

Mr. Carl Osborne of Lawndale, N. C. arrived Tuesday night to take the place of Mr. Earl Walters, recently resigned, and is on the job at the pumping station where considerable progress is being made since dry weather has set in.

Mr. Osborne is a very sociable young man and is very well pleased with his surroundings. He will not only like being in this community but the people of this community will make it pleasant for Mr. Osborne.

MR. COATES RECEIVES RANK OF FIRST LIEUTENANT

Mr. W. A. Coates, who has charge of the installation of the waterworks system left for Norfolk earlier in the week to take an examination in the engineer's department of the army, and returned last night, having passed the examination with a grade of 92 per cent. a full fledged member of the engineer's corps, senior grade, and the rank of first lieutenant.

Mr. Coates was asked how soon he could be ready to join his corps, and replied that it would take ten days to complete his business arrangements.

When asked how soon he was liable to be called, Colonel J. P. Jervy, the commanding officer stated that he expected it would be within two weeks. The colonel also stated that it was his opinion a large army, of perhaps a million men would be called to the colors within a short time.

MR. MINSHAW KILLS SELF

After sending a letter, and enclosing a watch in same, to Mr. Jim Applewhite, stating that by the time the letter was received he would be a dead man, Mr. Charles Minshaw, of Tillery, blew off the top of his head with a shot gun, Wednesday, and the remains were brought in on the afternoon train and buried in the Baptist cemetery, Rev. R. A. McFarland performing the burial rites.

No cause could be ascribed for the act of self destruction except that the dead man had been living a very unfortunate life during the past two years and he was not agreeably recognized by the white people of the community. Also it is possible that former occurrences during the recent years had preyed upon his mind, that, in desperation, he committed the deed.

Fortunately the deceased left no family, as he had never married, and the only close relative is a brother.

Miss Ethel Thomas and Dr. Shields left this morning for Tarboro to be present at the triangular debate there this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allsbrook arrived early this morning from Richmond, having spent the night in Weldon. They hastened back on account of the death of Mr. Allsbrook's mother, Mrs. Florence Allsbrook.

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DEBATE TONIGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL

A very interesting entertainment, in the form of a debate between students of the home school and two from the Williamston High School will take place tonight at eight o'clock. A very attractive program has been arranged for and everything has been done to please and entertain the public.

The program is as follows:
Music by City orchestra.
Query—"Resolved the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads."

Affirmative side by students of Scotland Neck High School, Mr. Phillip Purrington and Miss Gertrude McDowell.

Negative side by students of the Williamston High School, Miss Musa Eure and Mr. C. D. Carstarphen.

Officers of the debate, Mr. Aubrey Shackell, president; Miss Virginia Tillery, secretary.

Judges, Dr. J. D. Biggs, Jr., of Williamston, Mr. J. Paul Fenner of Scotland Neck.

MRS. FLORENCE ALLSBROOK DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Florence Allsbrook was out in the garden of her sons house yesterday morning within half an hour of her death. She was seen sitting on the back porch and a little later she was found lying across the bed quite dead, so it is assumed that she died of heart trouble. Her age was 69 years.

Her son, Mr. Ed Allsbrook, had left yesterday morning for Richmond, where his wife has been in the hospital for some time, to bring back home, and he could not reach Richmond until 2 o'clock, so that the telegram announcing his mother's death was awaiting him when he arrived there.

Going to Richmond on the errand he did it was impossible for him to return without bringing his wife, or at least seeing her, and so the arrangements for the funeral were delayed until they heard from Mr. Ed Allsbrook or he returned.

Mrs. Allsbrook is survived by only three sons, all residents of Scotland Neck, Messrs. Jim, Ben and Ed Allsbrook. The other two brothers are here awaiting the return of Mr. Ed Allsbrook.

Both Jim and Ben were here when their mother died, and Mr. Ed came in on this morning train bring his wife back.

The funeral is arranged for three o'clock this afternoon.

MISS BESSIE WRIGHT DIES IN HOSPITAL

News came Wednesday evening from Richmond, Va., that Miss Bessie Wright who has been in the hospital in that city for some weeks has succumbed to her malady, after having undergone two operations, and from time to time reported as getting along nicely.

The deceased had been in poor health for the past ten years and the operation recommended seemed the only relief, and would have relieved her but for other complications setting in which necessitated a further operation. From this she was unable to recover her strength.

She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church of Scotland Neck, and her pastor, Rev. R. A. McFarland, was awaiting the remains when the train stopped at the cemetery yesterday afternoon and the burial took place. The remains were accompanied back from Richmond by her brother, Mr. Arthur Wright, who went to her bedside when it was learned she was in a precarious condition.

In the hospital the deceased lady was said to be the sweetest patient, never a complaint coming from her during her greatest trials, and the nurses at the hospital were greatly affected at the death of so fine a character.

Those surviving are the mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Julius S. Wright, three brothers, Arthur, Richard, who live here, and Leon Wright, whose home is at Enfield. Four sisters, Misses Irene, Mildred and Ruby, of this town, and Mrs. Smith of Franklin, Va.

Break your cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666.

NEW FEATURE PICTURES AT THE PALACE

A contract has just been signed by the management of the Palace theatre for the Kleine-Edison-Selig-Essanay super-features which will start next week.

Among the features, the well known Henry Walthall, who played the little colonel in "Birth of a Nation," will star in "Sting of Victory." Miss Viola Dana, New York's daintiest star, will appear in "Cossacks Whip."

Wednesday next, and every Wednesday thereafter Mr. Henry Watson of the "Ziegfeld Follies" will be shown in a series of side-splitting one reel comedies, known as the "Misty Suffer Comedies."

JUDGE ALLEN CHANGES VERDICT

One of the most touching scenes that has been enacted in the Halifax court house during recent years was an occurrence Tuesday when Judge W. O. Allen, sentenced Joseph Stephenson, a boy of twelve years of age, to the training school, as punishment for the stabbing of another boy, Parker, at Hobgood. The boy was found guilty at last term of court, sentence being suspended until this term, and the boy left in the custody of the mother.

The boy is the son of Mr. J. B. Stephenson, of Hobgood, and what makes the case worse was the fact that Mrs. Stephenson, the mother, who was Miss Fannie Mizell before marriage, had obtained a separation from her husband, on the grounds of drunkenness and non-support.

When the boy was called to the bar and Judge Allen had reviewed the case he stated that neither mother or father were fit to take care of the boy and he sent him to the training school for safe keeping. The boy raised such an uproar in the courtroom that he was being led away when he ran to the judge and throwing his arms around him, cried, "don't let them take me away from my mother."

Everyone was visibly affected, the judge more than anyone else, and one could see the effort he made to control himself when finally, calling the mother to the bar he lectured her upon the evils of using narcotics, which she admitted having done, but agreed to allow her to have the boy so long as she maintained good habits.

The father Judge Allen was not so lenient with as he was directed to report to the court again during this term and, if the judge is of the same mind he will be severely dealt with when he again faces Judge Allen.

COLLARLESS FROCKS A NEW WHIM

Whereas Some Designers Dispense With Collars, Others Bring Out NEW STYLES

PEPLUM BLOUSES ARE POPULAR

New York, March 27.—To dispense entirely with collars on separate blouses and dresses is one of the latest fancies of fashion designers. Perhaps this will be a trying style for the majority of women, as most faces require the softening influence of a collar around the neck; but for those to whom it is becoming, the collarless neck, as a novelty, is sure to make an appeal. There is nothing that women like more than something a little different, for to tire of a certain style, however becoming, is only human.

Many and varied are the new outlines and finishes for these collarless dresses. Square, round, oval and V shapes are all among the different outlines in vogue. The oval outline going across the neck from shoulder to shoulder at a rather shallow depth is very

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interesting and is shown in the accompanying sketch. In this model the neck is finished with a cross-stitch embroidery design, one of the newest forms of embroidery, or rather, one of the oldest forms of embroidery recently revived. The cross-stitch of generations back has returned, now that embroidery of every description enjoys so strong a vogue. It is fascinating work for those who like needlework, and so simple to do that many spring and summer frocks will be adorned with it, worked out in the attractive colors used for embroideries.

The peplum blouse illustrated is the kind that is worn with the new loose-hanging skirts, an example of which is shown in the sketch. This skirt is attached to a skeleton lining, the lining so called, hanging from the shoulders and cut on straight, loosely-fitted lines. The lining is made of soft or thin material such as net, China silk or fine lawn. The object of this type of skirt is to preserve the straightline silhouette. It makes an excellent foundation for the peplum, or outside blouses as they are called.

The blouse that buttons straight down the back is making its way surely but slowly into the fashionable world. Crocheted and decorative fancy buttons make these back closings rather attractive. Some novelty buttons are made of colored beads bunched together in ball shape. These are generally used on waists that button in front.

Strings of colored beads to go with waists are being much worn. The beads either match the waist in color or are of a contrasting though harmonious shade; for instance, old rose with blue makes a charming combination.

New Fancy Collars

While collarless styles are fashion-

able, dainty collars have by no means been discarded; on the contrary, this is an accessory made very much of. Some of the new shapes fall in rather long points over the shoulders, others are pointed in front and square at the back and the familiar sailor collar is ever present. Fine voile, marquisette and handkerchief linen in white and colors are used for the new collars. Some are hemstitched by hand, others by machine, and on almost everyone there is some touch of hand embroidery. Double collars are usually made with the upper one of some color and a white one, a little larger, under it.

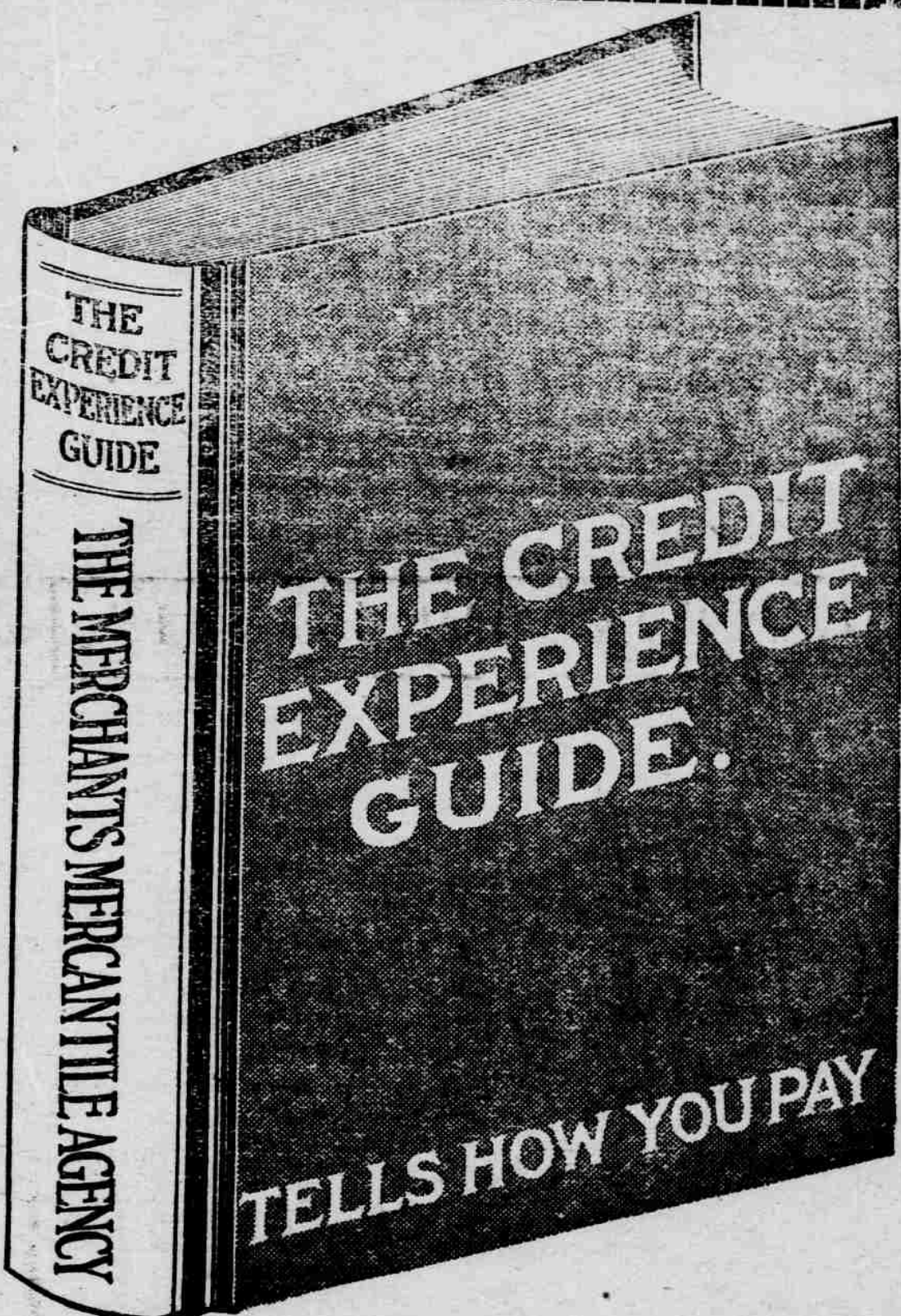
The high stock collar is being worn by smart women as much for sports as for use with tailored costumes. Usually it is made of pongee or some heavy silk with ends that cross in front of striped or figured silk.

For sports wear a white silk blouse with one of these collars and a skirt matching the figured striped silk in the collar, make a very attractive costume. This idea is also carried out in linens and a new figured cotton materials which are so smart for sports skirts. Instead of the high stock collar, some open-necked blouses are worn with graceful four-in-hand ties made of the skirt material.

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NATIOAL PAY UP WEEK

Every business and professional man you deal with will have one of these books. Everybody's name will be in it; you will be rated according to the promptness with which you settle your bills.

Remember the doctor when you pay your bills Saturday

PROMPT PAY. FAIR PAY. SLOW PAY. OR X.

Pay Someone You owe today and get a good rating.

WANTED: A HOME FOR A BABY



Don't want a grandma for a mama